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ALTON MAN SENTENCED FOR COCAINE AND FIREARM OFFENSES

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on April 17, 2006, **BRIAN GREER**, age 25, of Alton, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois. GREER was sentenced to 183 months imprisonment and was placed on 6 years supervised release, to be served after his period of incarceration.

GREER entered a plea of guilty in December 2005, to an eight-count federal indictment, charging possession and discharge of a firearm during a drug trafficking crime; assaulting federal agents; being a felon in possession of a firearm; three counts of distribution of "crack cocaine;" and one count of distribution of cocaine.

The investigation was conducted as part of a two-year investigation into the drug trafficking in Alton, Illinois, by the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF). OCDETF is a federal drug enforcement program that focuses attention and resources on the disruption and dismantling of major drug trafficking organizations. OCDETF provides a framework for federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to work together to target well-established and complex organizations that direct, finance, or engage in illegal narcotics trafficking and related crimes. Agencies involved in the investigation were the Drug Enforcement Administration, the DEA St. Louis Division Mobile Enforcement Team, the Alton Police Department, the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, and the Illinois State Police.

The case was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Ranley R. Killian,